



## NEWS RELEASE

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Ivana Ventures Inc. (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of the non-brokered private placement announced on October 18th, 2005, for gross proceeds of \$1,221,000. In addition, the Company accepted subscriptions for an additional \$6,869,600 before closing off the private placement towards the year end. The Company's filing in respect of those subscriptions has been conditionally accepted by the TSX Venture Exchange (the "Exchange"), but closing will be subject to Exchange review and acceptance of filings in respect of the Company's proposed coal and coal bed methane projects in China. The Company expects to make filings in respect of those projects within the next week.

The first tranche of the private placement consisted of 1,526,250 units issued at the price of \$0.80 per unit. Each unit was comprised of one common share and one-half of a warrant. Each full warrant (a "Warrant") entitles the purchaser to purchase one additional share at the price of \$1.00 until December 23, 2006 and, thereafter, at the price of \$1.20 until December 23, 2007, subject to reduction of the exercise period to 30 days, at the option of the Company, if the closing price of the Company's shares on the Exchange is at least \$2.00 for 20 consecutive trading days. The units comprising the second tranche will have the same terms as the units comprising the first tranche.

The private placement shares and any shares issued upon exercise of Warrants are subject to resale restrictions until April 24th, 2006 pursuant to National Instrument 45-102 and Exchange Policies. Finder's fees totalling \$91,320 in cash and 102,600 Warrants were paid and issued in connection with the first tranche of the private placement.

In light of the fact that the Company received additional subscriptions during December, 2005 which were not accepted as part of the private placement announced on October 18, 2005, and in light of the fact that the Company has received considerable additional expressions of interest, the Company is pleased to announce that it has filed a Price Reservation Form with the Exchange in respect of a new non-brokered private placement of up to 8,000,000 units at \$0.80 per unit, for aggregate issue price of up to \$6,400,000. As with the first and second tranches of the October 18, 2005 private placement, each unit will be comprised of one common share of the Company and one half of a warrant. One full warrant will be exercisable to purchase one additional common share in the capital of the Company for two years after closing, at the price of \$1.00 during the first year and \$1.20 during the second year. In the event that the closing price of the Company's shares exceeds \$2.00 for a period of 20 consecutive trading days, at the Company's election, the exercise period ("Exercise Period") will be reduced to 30 days commencing on the date following the date the Company mails to the Holder notice of the commencement of the Exercise Period, in which case the Warrants will thereafter expire at 4:30 p.m. (Vancouver Time) on the last day of the 30 day Exercise Period referenced above. Finders fees will be payable in connection with the private placement in accordance with the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.



The Company intends to use the funds from the new private placement for exploration programs on its coal and coal bed methane projects in China, to create a reserve for researching and acquiring additional properties, and for general working capital. Accordingly, the Company anticipates that completion of the new private placement will be subject to Exchange review and acceptance of filings in respect of the Company's proposed coal and coal bed methane projects in China, as well as Exchange acceptance of the Company's filings to be made in respect of the private placement.

**On Behalf of the Board of Directors**

*Signed "J. Lal Gondi"*

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